

## **Implementation Regulations for Doctoral Candidate Qualification Assessment Department of Economics, National Taiwan University**

1. In order to improve our PhD students' research ability and to equip them with the required academic qualifications, the department has established these regulations in accordance with the "Regulations for the Implementation of National Taiwan University Doctoral Candidate Qualification Assessment."
2. The qualification for a PhD candidate includes passing the qualifying examinations for the required subjects, fulfilling the grade requirement in the required "Econometric Theory" courses and the mandatory selective "Macroeconomics and Money" courses, and passing a Field Paper review. The required subjects in the qualifying exams are "Microeconomic Theory" and "Macroeconomic Theory." It is also required that a student earn grades above A- in both "Econometric Theory I" and "Econometric Theory II" courses. It is also required that a student select a course listed in the field of "Macroeconomics and Money" and earn a grade above A-.
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  - (1) A doctoral student who enrolls in the first semester of an academic year should pass the qualifying examinations in "Microeconomic Theory" and "Macroeconomic Theory" before the third semester after enrollment (excluding the period of leave); and before the fifth semester after enrollment (excluding the period of leave), he/she should pass the required "Econometric Theory I" and "Econometric Theory II" courses, take one course in the field of "Macroeconomics and Money," and earn grades above A- in these courses. Failing to fulfill these requirements will cause him/her to be suspended. He/she cannot take the qualifying examinations when he/she is on leave. However, if when he/she was on leave but returns to school before the third semester of enrollment, there is no qualifying examination held in that semester, then the deadline can be postponed to the fourth semester after enrollment. If "Econometric Theory I," "Econometric Theory II" or the mandatory selective "Macroeconomics and Money" course is not available in that semester, the requirement of obtaining at least grade A- can be postponed to the sixth semester.
  - (2) A doctoral student who enrolls in the second semester of an academic year should pass the qualifying examinations in "Microeconomic Theory" and "Macroeconomic Theory" before the fourth semester after enrollment (excluding the period of leave); and before the sixth semester after enrollment (excluding the period of leave), he/she should pass the required "Econometric Theory I" and "Econometric Theory II" courses, take one course in the field of "Macroeconomics and Money," and earn grades above A- in these courses. Failing to fulfill these requirements will cause him/her to be suspended. He/she cannot take the qualifying examinations when he/she is on leave. However, if when he/she was on leave but returns to school before the fourth semester of enrollment, there is no qualifying examination held in that semester, then the deadline can be postponed to the fifth semester after enrollment. If "Econometric Theory I," "Econometric Theory II" or the mandatory selective "Macroeconomics and Money" course is not available in that semester, the requirement of obtaining at least grade A- can be postponed to the seventh semester.

Those who have not completed the required courses can take the qualifying examinations, but they still need to fulfill the grade requirements within the study period. The Field Paper should be reviewed and approved before the end of the fourth year before they can be registered for the fifth year.

4. The qualifying examinations are held in July and August each year. The faculty who makes the exam should be an instructor of PhD required courses “Microeconomic Theory” and “Macroeconomic Theory.” There are at least two faculty members in each subject, and one of them is the convener. To pass the qualifying exam in each subject, a student should earn an average grade above B- (70 points). Those who fail in the first time can take the second-time examination within the time limit specified in Article 2. There is no third-time examination. After the qualifying examinations held in August of that year are finished, the chairman will hold a meeting with the faculty members of each subject to discuss who can pass the examinations.
5. After passing the qualifying examinations, a student should choose an advisor to write the thesis. The requirements for the Field Paper are as follows: After completing the Field Paper, a student should present the paper in a seminar of the department within the time limit specified in Article 2, and the advisor and other two to three committee members shall review the paper. The passing score is B- (70 points). Those who fail to meet the standard may apply for a second review within the time limit specified in Article 2; and the second review is limited to one time only. The qualifications for the oral examination committee members are the same as the qualification requirements set by “The Guidelines for Graduate Studies” of the Department.
6. The application time and precautions for the qualifying examinations will be announced on the department website and bulletin board. The results of the exam will be announced within two weeks after the exam. The results of the two required subjects will be announced at the same time.
7. A doctoral student who has passed the qualifying examinations of the two required subjects, fulfilled the requirements of the required Econometrics and the mandatory selective “Macroeconomics and Money” courses, passed the review for the Field Paper, completed the required credits, and served for at least two semesters as a teaching assistant in the required courses at the graduate level, are qualified for a doctoral candidate. After a student becomes a candidate, one can apply for the oral defense for the doctoral degree.
8. Special rules applied to the in-service doctoral students (compared with a student having no full-time job) include:
  - (1) The time limit for passing the qualifying examination can be extended by one year.
  - (2) The required period of time to fulfill the requirements of “Econometric Theory I”, “Econometric Theory II” and the mandatory selective Macroeconomics courses can be extended by two years.
  - (3) The time limit for passing the review of the Field Paper can be extended by one year.
  - (4) Regarding the requirements for seminars and courses, please refer to the “Information of the Required Subjects and Credits for each department” of the University.
  - (5) If there is a conflict in time between the TA course and his/her full-time work, other courses with recitation for two semesters can be substitutable if approved by the Graduate Affairs Committee.
9. The regulations apply to those students entering after the 2017 Academic year. The provisions of Article 8, Item 5, apply retrospectively to those who enrolled after the 2018 Academic Year.
10. These regulations will be adopted by the Departmental Meeting, reported to the Academic Affairs Office for approval, and implemented from the date of issuance.

## Amendment History

Adopted at the second departmental meeting on January 13, 1997

1997.03.20 The third departmental meeting amended Articles 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, and added Article 4 and notes

1998.01.12 The second departmental meeting amended and approved Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and notes

On June 12, 2003, the departmental meeting was passed and repealed, and this method was incorporated into the guidelines for postgraduate courses

May 9, 2007, temporary department meeting newsletter voted through

On October 11, 2007, the departmental meeting amended and passed Article 6

On June 18, 2009, the departmental meeting amended and passed Article 2

Amended and approved by the Academic Affairs Conference on January 8, 2010

Article 3 was amended and approved by the departmental meeting on March 25, 2010

Adopted by the Academic Affairs Conference on June 11, 2010

On March 31, 2011, the departmental meeting revised and passed Article 2

Adopted by the Academic Affairs Conference on June 10, 2011

On June 20, 2013, the departmental meeting amended and passed Article 3

On December 26, 2013, the departmental meeting amended and passed Article 6

Adopted by the Academic Affairs Conference on June 6, 2014

Article 1, Article 2, Article 3, Article 5 and Article 6 were amended and approved by the departmental meeting on May 14, 2015

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Article 1, Article 2, Article 6, Article 7, and Article 8 were amended and approved by the administrative meeting on January 12, 2016

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Articles 7 and 8 are revised on October 28, 2021

Article 1 was added on April 7, 2022